

House Resolution 1219

By: Representatives Bruce of the 64th, Brooks of the 63rd, and Heckstall of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending JOCADA (Jewel of Celebrated Artistry da, Inc.); and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the board of directors for JOCADA (Jewel of Celebrated Artistry da, Inc.), is
4 expanding its museum to include African American history and culture; and

5 WHEREAS, the expansion will bring about awareness for the preservation, promotion, and
6 fostering of jazz and African American educational arts; and

7 WHEREAS, the new museum will be known as JOCADA Museum of Jazz and African
8 American History and will open its doors at an open house celebration to be held on
9 Saturday, February 16, 2008, in Douglasville, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the JOCADA Museum of Jazz and African American History is the first of its
11 kind in Douglas County, Georgia, offering in-depth jazz and African American and Native
12 American artistic expression; and

13 WHEREAS, each member of the board of directors and the honorary board members have
14 a minimum of 25 years' experience in jazz arts education, African American, Italian, and
15 Native American cultural education, and each is committed to meeting the goals that have
16 been set for the new museum; and

17 WHEREAS, the museum offers a program called "Beyond Barriers," which is an effort to
18 encourage children, some of which are "at risk," to make the right choices and strive toward
19 obtaining an education even though they may face obstacles; and
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21 WHEREAS, several Douglas County students are graduates of the Youth Against Violence
22 Program and will be recognized, along with several African American role models and
23 African American inventors, at the upcoming open house; and

1 WHEREAS, after-school mentoring and personal mentoring will be provided through
2 programs at the museum.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 this body recognizes the JOCADA Museum of Jazz and African American History and
5 commends them for their efforts.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby
7 authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Councilwoman
8 Callye B. Holmes.